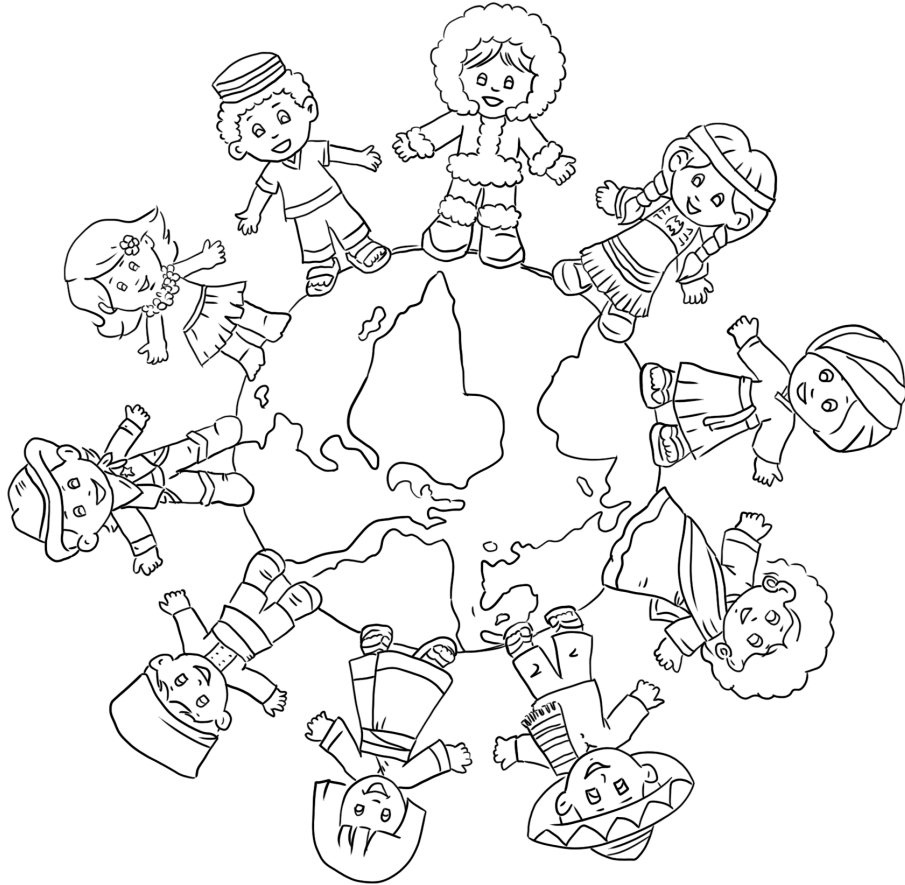


"...PEACE  
IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN DIAMONDS OR  
SILVER OR GOLD."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**CULTURAL  
AWARENESS**

# OBSERVANCE

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 15th



NOBEL  
PEACE  
PRIZE 1964

**MLK**



Each year, on the third Monday in January, the Department of Defense stands alongside the nation in honoring the life and enduring influence of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Remember!  
Celebrate!  
Act!

**A Day on,  
Not A Day Off!**

He is celebrated as a champion of nonviolence in America and as a prominent figure in the Civil Rights Movement.

This year holds particular significance, it marks the 60th anniversary of **King** being awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace.



At the age of thirty-five, **Dr. King** was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize.

Gunner Jahn, the chairman of the Nobel committee, credited King for being “...the first person in the Western world to have shown us that a struggle can be waged without violence. He is the first to make the message of brotherly love a reality. In the course of his struggle, he has brought this message to all men, to all nations and races.”

While others were advocating for freedom by “any means necessary,” **King** used the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance, such as protests, grassroots organizing, and civil disobedience to achieve seemingly impossible goals.

Can you find these the words hidden in the letters? It’s a great way to learn about important ideas and have some fun at the same time!

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| Equality | Kindness | Transform |
| Truth    | Peace    | Strength  |
| Justice  | Love     | Together  |
| Mindful  | Overcome | Hope      |

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**King** truly believed that peace was the best way to achieve equality. Using the letters of the word “peace,” write a poem or a speech about promoting peace and equality in your community.

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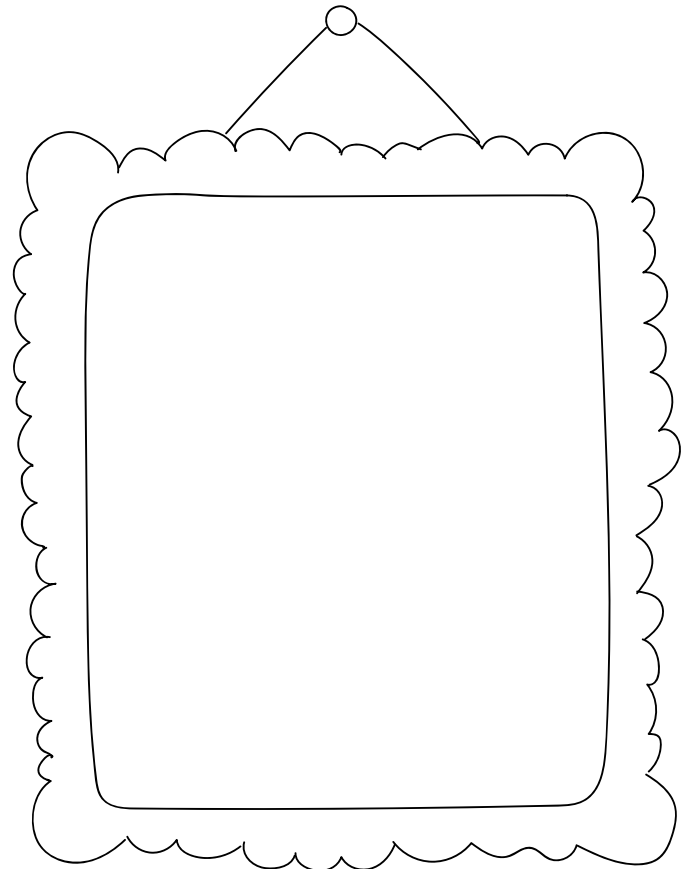
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The prize money awarded to **King** was \$54,123. Today that would be over \$400,000!

He donated the entire amount to support and further the Civil Rights Movement.

Imagine you had been awarded \$400,000.

Draw a picture of how you would use the money to support or improve your community.

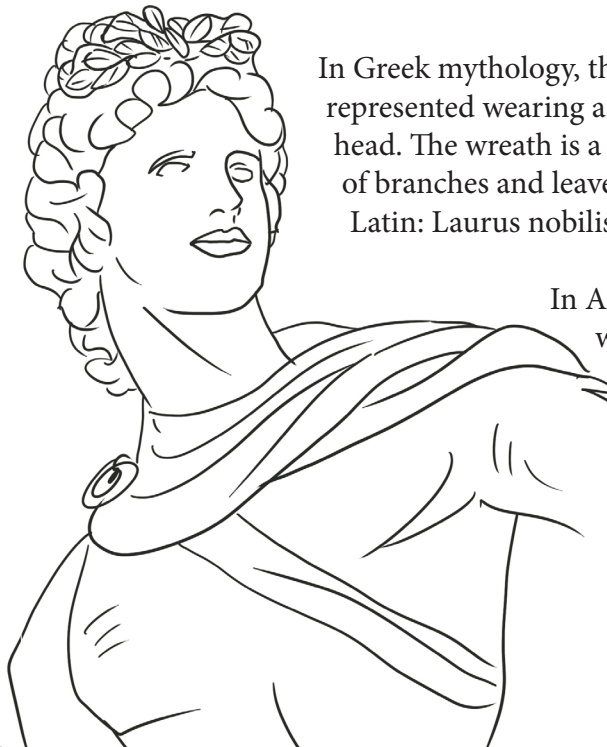


# What Do You Know About The Nobel Prize?

On November 27, 1895, **Alfred Nobel** signed his last will and testament, giving the largest share of his fortune to a series of prizes in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature and peace – the Nobel Prizes.

In 1968, Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) established The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

**Do you know why the individuals and organizations awarded a Nobel Prize are called Nobel Prize laureates?**



In Greek mythology, the god Apollo is represented wearing a laurel wreath on his head. The wreath is a circular crown made of branches and leaves of the bay laurel (in Latin: *Laurus nobilis*).

In Ancient Greece, laurel wreaths were awarded to victors as a sign of honor – both in athletic competitions and in poetic meets.

**Do you know the youngest and the oldest prize winners?**

Malala Yousafzai was 17-years-old when she was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2014.

John B. Goodenough was 97-years-old when he received the prize in Chemistry in 2019.

**Do you know what laureates receive with their award?**

At the Nobel Prize award ceremonies they receive three things: a Nobel Prize diploma, a Nobel Prize medal and a document confirming the Nobel Prize amount.

Each diploma is a unique work of art, created by foremost Swedish and Norwegian artists and calligraphers.

The medals are handmade with careful precision and in 18-karat recycled gold.

